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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), IT

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROME, SEPTEMBER 9-10 -
SCHEDULING

1. SUMMARY: THIS CABLE CONTAINS GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY IN
DEVELOPING THE SECRETARY'S ROME SCHEDULE.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH VATICAN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE
IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO PAY A CALL ON
THE POPE AT CASTEL GANDOLFO DURING HIS ROME STOPOVER.
SARROS SUGGESTS YOU CALL MONSIGNOR SILVESTRINI, THE DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, MONSIGNOR MONDUZZI, THE
POPE'S AUDIENCE OFFICER. FYI. SARROS WILL ARRIVE IN ROME
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, FOR FOLLOW-UP ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.
END FYI.

3. IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO THE POPE, SECRETARY'S CALL COULD
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PERHAPS TAKE PLACE AFTER THE LUNCH GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER
FORLANI. THIS WOULD ALLOW PARTY TO PROCEED DIRECTLY
TO CIAMPINO FOR DEPARTURE (SEE BELOW).

4. THE SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HOLD A FORMAL
PRESS CONFERENCE BUT IS WILLING TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS FROM THE PRESS EITHER ON CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS

WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER (PREFERRED)
OR AT CIAMPINO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

5. THE SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE ACCEPT INVITATION TO STAY
AT RESIDENCE.

6. MRS. VANCE WOULD PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN
OFFICIAL SCHEDULE, NOR DOES SHE DESIRE ANY FORMAL PROGRAM
FOR HERSELF. SHE WILL, HOWEVER, DEFER TO ITALIANS SHOULD
THEY REQUEST HER PRESENCE AT A PARTICULAR EVENT. SHE
WOULD ALSO WISH TO BE PRESENTED TO THE POPE, IF POSSIBLE.

7. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN AND VATICAN AUTHORITY-
TIES, EMBASSY SHOULD DEVELOP AND FORWARD AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO DEPARTMENT AN OUTLINE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRE-
TARY'S STOP BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: 9:40 P.M. ARRIVE ROME, CIAMPINO;
NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT; PROCEED TO RESIDENCE.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER; MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF
MEMBERS; LUNCH GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER; CALL ON POPE;
DEPARTURE FROM CIAMPINO AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M. VANCE

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